## **Dialogue 3: Strategies for Sustainable Institute Operations**

## THE CHALLENGE:

Each Institute would be catalyzed through an initial investment from the Federal Government. Each Institute should have a plan and strategy for private sector co-investment and should maintain robust performance beyond the initial federal investment. Institute members will need to demonstrate the necessary financial and strategic commitment to ensure successful operation.

The topics below are intended to assist in the formulation of <u>individual</u> participant input and should not be construed as a limitation on the discussion or as a limitation on the topics participants may wish to address in their written or verbal inputs. Participants are encouraged to identify best practices, and provide recommended strategies and approaches, when appropriate, as a part of their input.

<u>Topics:</u>		
1.	How should initial funding co-investments of the Federal Government and others be organized by types and proportions?	
2.	What arrangements for co-investment proportions and types could help an Institute become self-sustainable?	
3.	What measures could assess progress of an Institute towards being self-sustainable?	
4.	What actions or conditions could improve how Institute operations support for domestic manufacturing facilities while maintaining consistency with our international obligations?	
5.	How should Institutes engage other manufacturing related programs and networks?	

6.	How should Institutes interact with state and local economic development authorities?
7.	What measures could assess Institute contributions to long term national security and competitiveness?
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